

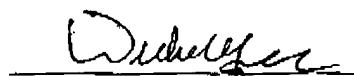
REMARKS

Claims 6, 10, and 16 are pending in the present application. The remaining claims were canceled. Claims 6, 10, and 16 were amended to place those claims in independent form as requested by the examiner. These claims are now in a form for allowance.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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